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L.A. CITY ATTORNEY'S RACE: OPENING SALVOS.

Editor's note: In last week's CALPEEK, we noted that the L.A. Mayor's race was a year away for incumbent Richard Riordan. L.A.'s well known City Attorney Jim Hahn also is up for reelection in 1997. Here's our brief analysis & commentary...

...The question of the month (for April) was posed by attorney/developer Ted Stein, a close ally of Mayor Riordan, who is going to run against Hahn next year. At the recent CDP convention, Stein asked if we'd seen any signs of a reelection campaign by Hahn? Stein said couldn't figure out what Hahn was up to. Now he knows...

...How does one normally describe L.A. City Attorney Jim Hahn? Aggressive? Certainly not. A media hog? No way. He's quiet, gets the job done, doesn't normally make waves and it takes a lot to get him POed --- like when L.A. Deputy Mayor Michael Keeley (described by city hall insiders as brilliant but arrogant) leaked a confidential legal document to a law firm (Morrison & Foerster) handling a case *against* the city. Big mistake. That's stepping on Hahn's turf and it's the kind of thing that the news media would eat up. They did...

...The Keeley hit occurred Friday (4/19), the day Riordan was to unveil his \$4 billion L.A. City budget. The Hahn strike (he called for Keeley's head) totally killed any positive spin Riordan had hoped to get on his budget. Instead, all questions were centered on why Keeley leaked this document. Bottomline: on 4/23 the city council, on a 10-3 vote, declared it had ***no confidence*** in the deputy mayor. Keeley apologized for what he called, "errors in judgment," but insiders say Riordan may have to can his top aide -- otherwise it could hurt his reelection prospects next year...

...For those who think this was Hahn trying to deck

Riordan or Keeley, guess again. This may have been a shot over Riordan's bow, but the ***target*** was Stein. *Implied* in Hahn's strike was this: if Stein were the city attorney, would he have tolerated Keeley stepping on his turf and leaking a confidential legal document to the opposition? Or would he have looked the other way?? May 9th is Hahn's big reelection kickoff dinner at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S EASY REFERENCE GUIDE NEXT WEEK

By popular request, we're producing our 1996 Easy Reference Guide next week. Because of all the recalls, specials and retirements, there are lots of changes. As we have noted in the past, CALPEEK grants permission to reproduce this Guide. In fact, we urge you to reproduce CALPEEK's Guide and send it to your friends, associates and clients...

CAMPAIGN '96: EARLY LINE ON ASSEMBLY RACES.

Editor's note: Last week CALPEEK focused on CA State Senate races --- giving a preview of what insiders think will be the hot fall contests in Calif. This week we'll conclude by focusing on the 80 Assembly races. Republicans currently hold 41 seats, with the Demos at 36 (two vacancies) and 1 Reform Party member. Like last week, we've divided the races into three(3) categories: 1) **War Zones** (incumbents under siege and OPEN seat battles); 2) the **Watch List**; and 3) the **Safe Seats**. Here's our update & analysis

The War Zones

...We have IDed 15 seats which fall into this first category. Eight of the 15 war zone elections involve OPEN seats, where incumbents have been *termed out*. Here's the **OPEN seat** War Zone list: **1st AD** - Virginia Strom-Martin(D) vs. Margie Handley(R); **8th AD** - Helen Thomson(D) vs. Ed Schlenker(R); **21st AD** - Ted Lempert(D) vs. Ted Laliotis(R); **26th AD** -

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Dennis Cardoza(D) vs. Thomas Berryhill(R); **27th AD** - Fred Keeley(D) vs. Jim Davis(R); **43rd AD** - Scott Wildman(D) vs. John Geranios(R); **56th AD** - Sally Havice(D) vs. Richard Lambros(R); and **78th AD** - Howard Wayne(D) vs. Tricia Hunter(R)...

...CALPEEK sources rate the 1st, 26th and 78th races as toss ups. Demos are believed to have an edge in the 8th, 21st and 27th districts, while sources rate the GOP candidates in the 43rd and 56th districts as having an advantage...

...**Incumbents Under Siege**: **25th AD** - George House(R) vs. Ed Elliott(D); **28th AD** - Peter Frusetta(R) vs. Lily Cervantes(D); **44th AD** - Bill Hoge(R) vs. Jack Scott(D); **53rd AD** - Debra Bowen(D) vs. Dan Walker(R); **54th AD** - Steven Kuykendall(R) vs. Gerrie Schipske(D); **69th AD** - Jim Morrissey(R) vs. Lou Correa(D); and **76th AD** - Susan Davis(D) vs. Bob Trettin(R)...

...Most sources agree that the two Demos under siege (Bowen & Davis) are very strong, but are holding seats in GOP districts. As for the Republicans under siege, Demo sources think the weak links are House and Frusetta. And even though Morrissey is in a heavy Demo registration district, sources rate this battle as a toss up. Hoge's 44th AD is also rated as a toss up. The toughest seat for the Demos to take will be Kuykendall's 54th AD...

The Watch List

...Incumbents are all favored on the Watch List, but we've got them there because there's just feeling among insiders that some of these races could be close at the end. We've also listed the OPEN 22nd AD on the watch list. That's a battle between Elaine Alquist(D) vs. Karin Dowdy(R). The seat leans Demo. Incumbents on the watch list include: **10th AD** - Larry Bowler(R) vs. Matt Moretti(D); **17th AD** - Michael Machado(D) vs. Sylvia Sun Minnick(R); **41st AD** - Sheila Kuehl(D) vs. Mark Benhard(R); **62nd AD** - Joe Baca(D) vs. Glenn Elssman(R); **67th AD** - Scott Baugh(R) vs. Cliff Brightman(D); **74th AD** - Howard Kalogian(R) vs. Fred Clayton(I) & Douglas Webb(L); **77th AD** - Steve Baldwin(R) vs. Janet Gastil(D); and **80th AD** - Jim Battin(R) vs. Steve Clute(D)...

Safe Seats

...On the **GOP** side, here are the OPEN seat candidates who should be safe: Oller(4th), Leach(15th), Ashburn(32nd), Runner(36th), McClintock(38th), Leonard(63rd), Pacheco(64th), and Campbell(71st). **GOP Incumbents**: Woods, Richter, Alby, Cunneen, Poochigian, Bordonaro, Olberg, Firestone, Takasugi, Margett, Miller, Aguiar, Granlund, Thompson, Pringle, Brewer, Ackerman, Morrow, and Goldsmith...

...On the **Demo** side, here are the OPEN seat candidates with no problems: Ortiz(9th), Torlakson(11th), Shelley(12th), Aroner(14th), Perata(16th), Papan(19th), Honda(23rd), Cardenas(39th), Hertzberg(40th), Wright(48th), Vincent(51st), Washington(52nd), and Floyd(55th). **Demo Incumbents** who are safe: Mazzoni, Brown, Migden, Sweeney, Figueroa, Bustamante, Knox, Villaraigosa, Caldera, Murray, Martinez, Escutia, Gallegos, Napolitano and Ducheny. Stay tuned...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: PROULX PULLS PLUG ON TORT MEASURE, BUT WAR STILL ON FOR THE FALL.

Editor's note: Our sources now feel there is a strong likelihood that voters will face 13-15 initiatives on the Nov. 5th ballot instead of 10-12 as we had previously predicted. Here's our update & analysis...

...The big news, which has been rumored for the past several weeks, is that Silicon Valley hi-tech exec Tom Proulx, who led the Alliance to Revitalize Calif. against the Consumer Attorneys of CA this past March, has withdrawn his initiative to impose strict limits on lawyer contingency fees. He was all set to turn in the required signatures, but at the last minute worked out a deal with Senate President Bill Lockyer(D) to form a Task Force with the Consumer Attorneys to work out differences on litigation reform via legislation. A smart political move by Proulx...

...But just because Proulx & the Alliance have pulled the plug on their initiative doesn't mean that **Tort Wars** (Round II) is dead. Far from it. Proulx & the Alliance will now join forces with the Assn. for CA Tort Reform and other groups in opposing two other initiatives put on the ballot by the Consumer Attorneys. The first initiative concerning attorney fees is almost meaningless, given what happened in March, when Props. 200, 201 and 202 were defeated. But the second initiative, which has just submitted signatures for verification, is

authored by San Diego attorney Bill Lerach. This measure is known as the Retirement Savings & Consumer Protection Act. It takes aim at fraudulent and deceptive securities practices. Since this initiative is really *Lerach's baby*, some sources think the Consumer Attorneys will let Lerach carry the water in terms of funding...

...Here's our revised initiative lineup for the Nov. 5th ballot...

☒ ***Already On the Ballot*** - 1) Campaign Reform I (Common Cause); 2) Attorney Fees (Calif. Consumer Attorneys); 3) CCRI (Calif. Civil Rights Initiative)...

☒ ***Being Counted for Verification*** - 4) Jarvis/Gann III; 5) Uninsured Motorists; 6) Attorney Fees - Security Fraud (Lerach); 7) Minimum Wage; 8) Campaign Reform II (CalPIRG); and 9) Health Care I (SEIU/Health Access)...

☒ ***Close to Turn In*** - As we write, several additional measures were being collected for turn in by 4/25 or 4/29. These included: 10) Medical Use of Marijuana; and 11) Top Income Tax Brackets (Lenny Goldberg)...

☒ ***Still In the Field*** - The following initiatives are still in the field collecting signatures, but are expected to be turned in shortly: 12) Competitive Bidding; 13) Gaming (Bragg/slots in Palm Springs); 14) 95-5; and 15) Health Care II (CNA/Rosenfield). Sources believe most of the 15 listed here could make the ballot...

...In our previous listings, we did not include the initiative statute dealing with medical uses of marijuana (Anna T. Boyce - proponent) or the second campaign reform measure sponsored by CalPIRG (Calif. Public Interest Research Group). In addition, sources now say that the competitive bidding constitutional amendment by the Professional Engineers (aimed at stopping contracting out) will be submitted for the Nov. 5th ballot, instead of shooting for 1998. Stay tuned...

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ASSEMBLYMAN BAUGH AND OTHERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY IN 67th AD DIRTY TRICKS ELECTION CASE.

Editor's note: The case arising out of the 67th AD recall of former Assembly Speaker Doris Allen continues to plod along. Here's our update & analysis...

...On Apr. 22nd, Assemblyman Scott Baugh(R-Huntington Beach), Maureen Werft (Baugh's C-O-S) and Rhonda Carmony (U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's campaign mgr.) --- all pleaded not guilty to various campaign reporting & election fraud felony and misdemeanor charges filed by the O.C. DA's office. These three will be back in court on May 10th when it is expected Judge James Smith will set a trial date...

...In the meantime, the L.A. Times and Orange Co. Register are leaving no legal stone unturned in an effort to get their hands on the **booking photos** of Baugh and the others. Demo campaign consultants would love to get their hands on these photos too --- but for different purposes. You can almost visualize the hit mailer...

...FYI: The latest stuff flying between U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher(R-Huntington Beach) and O.C. DA Michael Capizzi is a allegation by Rohrabacher and Republican Associates Treasurer Leon McKinney that the Irvine Company is the force behind Capizzi's prosecution of Baugh and the others. The allegation is that since Rohrabacher helped kill a land swap deal involving the Irvine Co. and El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Capizzi's prosecution is the Irvine Co.'s way of getting even --- because Baugh and Carmony are allies of Rohrabacher. Some sources call this Rohrabacher-McKinney allegation *convoluted*. The allegation appeared in the current issue of the O.C. Young Republican newsletter - with a response from the Irvine Co.'s Larry Thomas, who called the allegation a smear. Stay tuned...

DC INSIDER ELIZABETH DREW TO ADDRESS CLUB.

Washington DC-based journalist/political pundit and author Elizabeth Drew will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 12.30 p.m., May 9, Hyatt Rickey's in Palo Alto and at 5:30 p.m. at the club office in S.F. For info & RSVPs ☎(415)597-6705. Drew's speech is titled: *The Congress vs. Clinton: Face-Off in Washington*...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

◆ ***Clinton Continues to Lead Dole*** - A new L.A. Times polls shows President Bill Clinton(D) still way ahead of the Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole(R) by a margin of 55% to 37% in a nationwide survey of 1,374 adults (1149 voters), April 13-16. A Gallup-CNN-USA Today survey taken April 9-10 of 857 voters nationwide shows Clinton 57% & Dole 40%, with only 3% undecided. FYI: In Alabama, a State where George Bush creamed Clinton in '92, a poll of 504 voters appearing in the Huntsville Times & Birmingham News shows Dole and Clinton locked at 48% each. When Ross Perot is added to the mix, Clinton edges Dole by a 43% to 41% margin, with Perot getting 11%. Very bad news for Dole...

◆ ***More Bad News for U.S. Rep. Kim*** - According to an L.A. Times story (4/24), U.S. Rep. Jay Kim(R-Ontario) and his wife, June, "routinely accepted corporate contributions" and kept a secret list of these donations. This info was disclosed in court documents made to the FBI by Jane Chong, an office mgr. and then treasurer of Kim's '92 campaign cmt. Kim denies any wrongdoing, but this latest disclosure doesn't look good for him. Kim is seeking a 3rd term Nov. 5th...

◆ ***Mickey Goes to Court*** - GOP Assemblyman Mickey Conroy(R-Orange) has a date in a Sacto courtroom May 6th when a civil trial is due to begin against the O.C. lawmaker and a former aide over allegations of *sexual harassment* from a former female employee. What's of interest here is that Conroy is giving up his legislative post to run for the Orange Co. Bd. of Supes. If the verdict goes against Conroy, this could hurt his supervisorial bid against Dep. DA Todd Spitzer. In fact, some CALPEEK sources think Conroy may pull the plug on his race if he loses...

◆ ***Privatize Calif.'s DOJ*** - With all the talk about privatization of government services, Gov. Pete Wilson ought to consider the Dept. of Justice as a privatization target. The bureaucratic lawyers at the DOJ have been sitting on the Mark Fuhrman case since Nov. 27, 1995, trying to determine whether or not to prosecute the

retired LAPD detective on perjury charges arising out of the O.J. Simpson murder trial. That's five months. Either do it or let it go...

◆ ***Frank Hill Gets Company*** - Former State Sen. Frank Hill(R-Whittier) will be getting some political company at federal prison in Boron when former U.S. Rep. Walter Tucker III starts serving 27 months for extortion & income tax fraud...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A very sad note: Christine E. Reed, 52, former Santa Monica mayor & councilwoman, died April 24 after a long battle with cancer. Reed also was a director of the Metropolitan Water District. R.I.P...

● Kathy Van Osten has been promoted to PA director at the Sacto office of Stoorza, Ziegaus, Metzger & Hunt. And Fiona Hutton has joined the L.A. office of SZ&M as an AE...

● Adam D. Probolsky has formed his own political/public affairs firm: P.O. Box 7223, Newport Beach, CA 92658 ☎(714)854-6644...

● The San Diego Host Cmt. to the Republican Nat'l Convention has named Kate Seiber as media relations director for the host committee...

● Former CNN field producer Paul Cohen has joined The PBN Co. in S.F. as a Sr. AE. In addition, the firm has promoted Susan Ethridge to Acct. Supervisor and Sean Garrett to Sr. AE...

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